

## House Resolution 1304

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Vivian Hamp Griffin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Vivian Hamp Griffin on January 1, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was born on August 1, 1929, the beloved daughter of Mrs. Lena  
5 Pointer and the late Robert "Buck" Smith and stepdaughter of John Pointer; and
- 6 WHEREAS, educated in Newton County Public Schools, Mrs. Griffin had a successful  
7 career in personal domestic employment; and
- 8 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big Mama" throughout the Kirkwood community, she  
9 found joy in helping others and uplifting the lives of her friends and neighbors or those in  
10 need of food, shelter, or love; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep  
12 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she  
13 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffin was united in love and marriage to her soulmate, the late Mr.  
15 James Griffin, in 1949, and was blessed with four daughters, Syble, Sharon, Phyllis, and  
16 Terrie, eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
19 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a generous and compassionate woman, Mrs. Griffin will long be remembered  
21 for her love of family and friendship, and this kind and loving mother, sister, grandmother,  
22 aunt, and friend will be sorely missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Vivian Hamp Griffin  
25 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Vivian  
28 Hamp Griffin.